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MONDAY, AUG. 31, 1903.

CHINESE STILL REMAIN.

Mr James Asiatic Kennedy, president of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, remains obdurate in his determination to substitute Chinese for citizens on his steamers. It is now feared that Chinese will be put on all of the Inter-Island boats. In fact it is said this course would have been taken today had it not been for the publicity given to the Mauna Loa outrage. The blame for discharging the ten citizens and putting Chinese on in their places rests upon the shoulders of J A Kennedy. He does not deny it, and merely offers in extenuation the ridiculous plea that expenses had to be cut down.

The Republican Central Committee has become aroused over the affair and it said that Kennedy has been pulled over the grill by it. The committee sees in the strange action of its former Chairman a powerful lever in the hands of the Home Rulers. Certain it is that the supplanting of citizens by Chinese will tend to disgust voters with the Republican party—a party that promised them work for their support in the last election; and it is highly probable that they will forsake the party altogether. Leading Republicans realize that, and Kennedy is not likely to sleep well for a time.

The action of Kennedy has aroused workingmen of all classes and in all lines, and if they were sufficiently well organized there would likely be a general walk-out in the Inter-Island fleet. Calmness and patience are being urged by their leaders.

A feature of the case, which

makes it appear all the more messy and cheap, is that the saving made by the company by replacing the citizens with Chinese on the Mauna Loa amounts only to the difference in the cost of food. A gentleman in position to know has figured it out and shows that there is scarcely any difference in the total of salaries, and that only about \$60 is saved in the matter of food.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The fact that hoodlum Birbe was present at the meeting in Kalihi Friday night is sufficient to account for the disturbance and insults to T McCants Stewart.

Hilo shipped five hundred frogs by the Nevada to San Francisco. It is not related, however, that Sheriff Andrews was among the number.

Being black outside is not to be compared to being black inside. If the heart of some of T McCants Stewart's traducers were brought out they would look like so many lumps of coal in the sunlight.

Captain J C Clancy declares that the seventh precinct of the Fifth District is not all bad. There are, he says, a few orderly men in it. It is a relief to know that. Incidents of the past had led citizens generally to think otherwise.

While the Republicans are quarreling among themselves, the Home Rulers are steadily working a combination between them and the Democrats in prospect for the very near future. The outlook for the anti Republicans was never brighter.

The skeet-go committee is exceedingly dilatory. Here it is only two months to the county election and those idle Republican ward-healers have not yet been given jobs. If the Republicans lose this election they can charge it all up to the mosquito committee.

This morning's Tiser says that "Delegate" Kuhio Kalaniana'ole and Mrs Kalaniana'ole were consecrated by Bishop Restarick at St Andrew's Cathedral yesterday. Oh, wow; "consecrated" as what, pray? A confirmation is not a consecration, that is, as far as we know the terms, unless it be the American way of saying and doing things.

Superintendent Cooper, builder of the Mauna road, Ala park and projector of a building at St Louis, will leave tomorrow for Lihala and Wailuku. If Maui people have in mind any public works that will tend to create monuments to Cooper they may present a list of them in full confidence that the requirements will be promptly met.

We understand that Herr Berger, the bandmaster, is again talking French about THE INDEPENDENT. If it palliates the rigors of his disposition, well and good; but would not the shortest route to smooth water be in treating the band boys fairly and squarely? Decent people are hardly ever expected to condone swindling and brigandage.

Mrs Wilcox advocates the selection of the very best men for County officers, regardless of their political affiliations. May the breeches worn by Theresa in the Home Rule camp never fray at the heels! Her platform is a good one and we hope she

will stay with it. A good Home Ruler is in ordinary respects better than a good Republican; but whenever and wherever a better man can be found in other parties than in the Home Rule party, that man should be endorsed and supported.

Sergeant Miller, the mail carrier who was dishonorably discharged from the National Guard for absenting himself from the encampment in June, is to have a new trial. This is as it should be. In the affair Miller was caught between the devil and the deep sea. On each side was Uncle Sam demanding his immediate presence and services. A military court cannot do better than to clear him.

Members of the Labor Council must live squarely up to their resolution in regard to patronizing only citizen stores. If a man breaks the rule let him be reported and summarily dealt with. A white merchant giving his carpentering, plumbing or other work to Asiatics should, however, be considered and dealt with as any other coolie. There must be united, systematic work all along the line.

Made Church Communicants.

At the Hawaiian service yesterday morning at St Andrew's cathedral, the Missionary Bishop of Honolulu conferred the rite of confirmation upon Delegate (Prince) Kalaniana'ole and his wife, Princess Kulaniana'ole. The service was partially choral, sung by a surpliced choir of men and boys. Queen Liliuokalani was present beside the many friends of the delegate and his wife.

At the conclusion of morning prayer, the confirmation service then came on. The candidates were presented by the Rev. F. Fitz, who both knelt before the Bishop at the Chancel step. Edmund Styles carried the staff, showing the pastoral authority of the Bishop when he laid his hands on each of their heads.

The sermon for the occasion was by the Bishop, which had been translated and read by S Meheula, the lay reader, from the pulpit. It was a well put up sermon and occupied about forty minutes in its delivery which the lay reader rendered in a masterly effort. The service was concluded a few minutes after 11 o'clock.

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